



John T. "Jack" Rogers

September 5, 1926 - June 8, 2026

John T. "Jack" Rogers, 99, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2026. Born on September 5, 1926, Jack lived a life defined not by what he accumulated, but by what he gave—to his country, his community, his family, and countless individuals whose lives were better because of his generosity, guidance, and service.

After graduating from DeVilbiss High School, Jack answered his country's call at the age of 17, serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Upon returning home, he earned his degree at Toledo University and began building a banking career that would span decades. Starting as a teller at First National Bank, he rose through the ranks to become Executive Vice President, earning the respect of colleagues and customers alike.

While his professional accomplishments were significant, Jack believed that success carried with it the responsibility to serve others. Throughout his life, he devoted extraordinary time and energy to strengthening Toledo's community and supporting those in need.

Jack was a founding board member of Josina Lott Residential & Community Services, now known as Manahan, where he served for nearly 27 years helping advance opportunities and support for adults with developmental disabilities. He served more than 20 years on the board of Flower Hospital

and also dedicated his time and leadership to Toledo Children's Hospital and the Goerlich Center for Alzheimer's and Dementia Care. For two decades, he inspired and mentored young people through Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio, and for more than 20 years he volunteered with SCORE Northwest Ohio, providing free guidance and encouragement to aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners. He was also a proud and active member of the Rotary Club of Toledo.

Yet those who knew Jack best will remember more than his service. They will remember a man who genuinely cared about people; who listened thoughtfully, offered wise counsel, and quietly helped others without seeking recognition. Family and friends knew that Jack rarely said no when someone needed help. When a neighbor, colleague, nonprofit organization, or friend called upon him, he could always be counted on to step forward and do what was needed. He often said, "My greatest joy is giving back to the community," and those who knew him best would say he spent his life proving it.

Jack cherished summers at the family's cottage on Devil's Lake, Michigan, where he loved sailing his Lightning sailboats and enjoying time with family and friends. He also relished golf, tennis, and fly fishing. He treasured gatherings with his children and grandchildren, taking pride in their accomplishments and delighting in their company.

At the center of Jack's life was his beloved wife, Phyllis. They were married in Toledo on October 7, 1950 and shared 48 years of marriage before her passing in 1999, building a life grounded in love, devotion, and family.

In addition to his wife, Phyllis Kraft Rogers, he was preceded in death by his parents, Waldo Rogers and Herma Glosser, and his brother, Robert B. Rogers.

Jack is survived by his sons, Gregg (Kelly) Rogers of Boulder, Colorado; Bruce (Pam) Rogers of Toledo; and Scott (Patricia) Rogers of Toledo; and by his grandchildren, Ashley Lukich (Chris) of Grove City, Ohio; Michael Rogers of Toledo; Samuel Rogers (Elora) of Toledo; and Liam Rogers (Courteney) of Toledo.

The family is deeply grateful for the kindness and care Jack received from the staff at The Lakes of Sylvania, for his friends at Shawn's of Sylvania, and for the relationships that enriched his long and remarkable life.

His life stands as a reminder that the true measure of success is found not in personal achievement, but in service to others. Through nearly a century of giving back, Jack left his family, his community, and countless lives better than he found them. Those who knew him will remember not only what he accomplished, but how generously he shared his time, wisdom, and heart.

Visitation will be held on June 22, 2026 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo. A funeral service will be held on June 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church, 4225 Sylvania Ave., Toledo. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Manahan, manahanlife.org, 120 S. Holland Sylvania Rd., Toledo, OH 43615-5622.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Presbyterian Church
4225 W. Sylvania Ave.
Toledo, OH 43623